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The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the California Agricultural Water Management Council (AWMC) invite you to become a member of the Agricultural Stakeholder Committee (ASC) to help DWR implement certain provisions of Senate Bill X7-7, Steinberg, Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SB X7-7), through a public process. SB X7-7 requirements include: development of a methodology for quantifying the efficiency of agricultural water use, adoption of regulation that provides a range of options that agricultural water suppliers may use or implement to comply with the water measurement requirements, updating Agricultural Efficient Water Management Practices, and development of a single standardized form for water use reporting that meets the water use information needs of each agency, among others.

The ACS will review technical materials and documents and provide comments, data and supporting information to DWR's project management team toward implementing SB X7-7 requirements. The ASC meetings will be open to the public and will serve as a part of the public process for development of SB X7-7 implementation efforts. ASC members include representation on policy and technical subjects from agricultural water suppliers, water associations, environmental advocacy groups, and academia.

In order for DWR to be successful in implementing this legislation, we would require that every representative commit to consistent attendance at committee meetings and to providing timely review and feedback of the materials generated by staff.

Your participation is greatly appreciated. Please contact Baryohay Davidoff of DWR's Water Use and Efficiency Branch at (916) 651-9666 or by e-mail at baryohay@water.ca.gov to confirm your or an alternate's availability by June 11, 2010.

We will inform you of the time and location of the first meeting, tentatively planned for early July, 2010. For detailed information on SB X7-7, please visit www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/sb7/.

If you have any questions, please call Manucher Alemi, Chief of DWR's Water Use and Efficiency Branch, at (916) 651-9662 or you may contact Baryohay Davidoff, Chief of Water Use Efficiency Section at the number or e-mail address noted above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale K. Hoffman-Floerke".

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